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To: [Crossland, Ronnie](#)
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Subject: Re: Mission Assignment Transition from Response to Recovery Document
Date: Sunday, September 17, 2017 8:55:33 PM

Thanks Ronnie. Very good points and how the system should technically work. We have already seen that at some level when TCEQ dismissed the water folks. The clear implication is that, should Texas choose to end other activities the same way, they can regardless of whatever paperwork we have circulating in the system. I also agree that having a document from Texas to us ending ESF-10 activities would put the Agency in the most defensible position.

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On Sep 17, 2017, at 2:14 PM, Crossland, Ronnie <Crossland.Ronnie@epa.gov> wrote:

Carl and Craig,

Since you asked.

The State of Texas requested federal assistance post hurricane Harvey. For EPA, this request came in the form of a mission assignment under ESF #10. EPA's role is to provide support to the TCEQ until TCEQ no longer requires assistance. So it doesn't mean everything has been accomplished and there is nothing left to do. Just that the state no longer requires federal assistance. In reality, the transition is that EPA's assistance is no longer required and TCEQ will continue its presence and activities. I know the NDOW group came up with this proto type transition document (absent the County Judge), however, I think there are two ways for EPA's assistance to end: 1) the MA expires based on money or time; or 2) TCEQ informs EPA that its assistance is no longer necessary. So, I believe it would be better to have correspondence from TCEQ expressing that EPA's assistance is no longer required instead of the existing draft.

If EPA decides to keep going down the current approach, involving the County Judges in this process is for reasons other than TCEQ no longer requiring EPA's assistance. Therefore, the County Judges should not be included in this document. If EPA feels the need to correspond with County Judges, it can be done outside of this process. In addition, the second paragraph in the draft is also unrelated to EPA's assistance under an ESF #10 mission assignment and thus should not be part of a document where EPA is ending its assistance under an ESF #10 mission assignment. The activities reference in this paragraph deal with recovery which is a totally separate process.

On September 7, 2017, Texas Governor Abbott created the Governor's Commission to Rebuild Texas. EPA agreed to support the Governor's Commission to effectively coordinate the State's effort to recover and rebuild public infrastructure damaged by Hurricane Harvey and will do so under a separate FEMA Mission Assignment for Long-term Recovery if issued by FEMA.

The duties of the Commission shall include: assisting local governmental entities and nonprofit organizations to assess and identify rebuilding needs and to navigate state and federal resources available for the rebuilding effort; advocating for the interests of state and local government on matters related to disaster response; and providing expertise and assistance to local governmental entities and nonprofit organizations throughout the rebuilding process.

Just some thoughts,
Ronnie

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Second try with attachment. The dangers of forwarding off the smartphone. Thanks for catching Scott.

Gary, please review with UC to see if all signatories can agree to move forward with this version. Thanks

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Begin forwarded message:

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Carl,

Attached is the revised version of the transition document. This

version is to the County Judge from UC through the TCEQ director.
Please provide feedback by 3pm if possible so we can get final
version to IMT and discuss on today's Ops call. Thanks

Craig Carroll,
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